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We trust that the Fort Williams episode will not be repeated at our own Fort Ethan Allen in Vermont.

No news from Russia may be taken to be good news. If there was a seething revolt against the revolution we should expect to hear from it through German sources at any rate.

It is easy to believe that the toll bridge between Waterford, Vt., and Littleton, N. H., paid 25 per cent dividends last year when one takes into consideration that the passing of automobiles is taxed 25 cents each car, a charge that is ridiculous in view of the slight wear and tear on the structure.

The reported nervous breakdown of the Kaiser is a duplication of many similar reports which have come out since the outbreak of the war, all of which were discounted because of their origin in places somewhat hostile to the German cause and all of which were eventually proven wholly inaccurate. Therefore, not too much reliance should be placed on the report coming via Amsterdam at this time.

The sinking of the American steamship Healdton may not change the status (official status) between the United States and Germany, as Washington reports suggest, but it does solidify American sentiment against the German government immeasurably. The incident confirms the belief that Germany as a government has no regard for the rights of neutrals and that it holds the United States in small regard either as friend or foe.

The members of the Vermont House appreciate a little joke, but, having had their fun, they are ready to act seriously for the state of Vermont, as was shown by their action of Friday afternoon in killing the bill calling for an increase of their own salary to five dollars per day. It was only a few years since the per diem of the legislators was raised from three to four dollars, and the cost of the biennial session rose considerably therefrom. It is scarcely time to exact another raise.

Semi-official announcement that Harvard university intends, in the event of war, to close its collegiate year forthwith and turn the university into a soldier encampment is evidence of the real American spirit. If Harvard and all the other colleges of the country should put half as much effort into military preparedness as they put each year into the football campaign there would be strong aid in bolstering up the nation. Those college boys—all of them—may be needed for that sort of service.

The committee named by Gov. Graham to develop plans for making Vermont prepared to aid the nation in the event of war represents a wide range of the state's activities. Indeed, it seems to have been the intention of the governor in casting about for material for this work to go outside of the usual limited pale and to select some men who are influential, but who have not been, voluntarily or otherwise, thrust into the public eye ever and anon. Thereat the people of the state are much gratified.

The young woman teacher at Portland, Me., who, though American-born, persisted in wearing a miniature German flag under a small bow of United States colors, when all the teachers in the schools were requested to wear the American colors, and who secretly told that the German flag was the flag she loved, cannot expect to be accorded the treatment accorded American citizens. In fact, she has committed insult against the flag of the United States. She is both un-American and anti-American. There can be no divided allegiance now. It is either pro-United States or pro-German.

The action of the New Hampshire legislature in voting half a million dollars for defense against aggression by a possible enemy of the United States calls attention to the fact that New Hampshire has a seacoast to defend, albeit small, and that one of the chief shipyards of the Atlantic coast is located near Portsmouth, Maine, Connecticut and Rhode Island are also states of the New England division having a seacoast to defend, and they may be expected to follow the example of Massachusetts and New Hampshire. Our own state of Vermont is wholly an inland state and is, therefore, not expected to need so much for its own actual defense as the other states of the division. However, that fact ought not to prevent the state of Vermont from authorizing the governor and state board of control to expend money up to a reasonable limit in getting ready for the threatened hostilities. The amount should not be as large as that of any of the other states of the New England division because the needs are not as great as theirs.

GUARDING OUR FORTS.

What sort of a guard are we keeping over federal property when two interlopers are able to elude the guards and trespass on government reservations as

two men did at Fort Williams, near Portland, Me., last Thursday night, afterwards shooting a guard who detected them and then escaping scot-free? Here we are virtually at war with Germany, a country which has a large number of army reservists pent up in the country by means of inability to join the Kaiser's army. Already a great deal of defiance of national law and destruction of American property has been done through the connivance of these persons who maintain their allegiance to the Ruthless One. Munitions factories have been blown up; costly fires have been set; intrigue has been concocted on American soil against an enemy of Germany; and various minor acts have been done which should have set the American people and the United States government on guard. Yet we are so lax that even government property around a fort reservation is not entirely safe from being tampered with; or at least we are so careless as to permit interlopers like the murderers at Fort Williams to approach the most important defenses of the north Atlantic coast. There is no conclusive evidence that the two men who were detected near a battery of big guns there were Teuton or that they had some fell design on the defenses of the fort; but in view of the international breach between the United States and Germany, with the prospects of open declaration of war, it is a reasonable supposition that they were men who maintain a hostile attitude toward the United States government. Their act in shooting the guard who detected them is further evidence that their mission was not merely of casual curiosity and that they did not happen there just by chance. If we are not careful they may cart off some of those big guns during the night. If the United States government agencies do not watch out they will snip off their noses. If our forts are not to be protected when the nation is virtually at war, then we might as well go out of business.

CURRENT COMMENT

Knows a \$2,000 Fish Culturalist.

"If the state of Vermont cannot get a competent fish and game commissioner for \$2,000 a year it will be possible to increase the amount at some late date, but the experience during the years in which John W. Titcomb served in that capacity for \$1500 tends to show that \$2,000 ought to secure a reasonably good man."—Barre Times.

The Rutland News happens to know that E. S. Casselman of Dorset, the fish culturalist who has done expert work in installing preserves and hatcheries for many state commissioners, not to mention millionaire owners of extensive estates, a candidate for Mr. Titcomb's place, while he feels that the salary should properly be at least \$2500 and while in private practice his income has been in excess of the amount, has agreed to accept the figure of \$2,000, by reason of his special interest in Vermont and the development of its fishing assets.—Rutland News.

Blowing Up the Olive Branch.

The hint that a European neutral may offer to arbitrate between the United States and Germany and the news that the American tank steamer Healdton had been torpedoed by a submarine, with loss of life, both appear in to-day's news columns. The one is an answer to the other. As long as Germany continues to sink our ships there will be only one answer. There is only one course which neutrals can take and win American approval. They can join the chorus of protest against the ruthless submarine campaign.

Mr. Wilson's appeal to neutrals, made just after the break with Germany, seemed to fall on deaf European ears. It now begins to bear fruit. Yesterday from Spain it was reported that her ships would sail armed. Spain has been assailed by very systematic and powerful German propaganda, but Spain seems to have taken the direction in which we have led.

Denmark and Norway have both decided that their ships are to sail in spite of submarines, and Norway has removed the neutral markings on the ground that they made voyaging more dangerous than no marks at all. It is not hard to guess what the Norwegians think of the U-boats. Holland is staring at a great German army on the other side of a boundary line and can do nothing. Chile and China have definitely lined up against Germany.

The non-combatant world is too small for the Germans to discover a really disinterested neutral to mediate between her and the United States. Our government showed its determination not to arbitrate defiance of our rights and death to our citizens when Dr. Ritter made his very tentative offer last month. Our terms are the abandonment of ruthless submarine warfare. We cannot listen to offers of mediation when our ears are ringing with the explosion of torpedoes sent against the Stars and Stripes.—Boston Globe.

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"Clarence Woodward has bought five new cows and a separator of German manufacture."—Athens item.

"Humorous reading—A Minister's Blunder," Mrs. Arthur Cobb. "Grange notes: And the depressing thought persists: How many ministerial blunders right here in our own ken are humorous and how many more are only stupid!"

"Butterfield Gives Bull to Vermont University."—Newspaper headline. But it was Herp Prof. Anton Appelmans who threw the bull.

The Great Divide.

"George Kendall, formerly of this town, but who for the past few years has lived down country, has broken up house-keeping and has come to board with Joe Montminy. His wife has gone to one of her children to live for a time."—The News from Sheffield.

Green Mountain Echoes.

The meeting of the Old Girls was postponed until March 26.—Orleans item.

Miss Sybil Jewett was noticed out on Friday afternoon recovering from the measles.—Alstead item.

In a letter from Mrs. J. P. Richardson of Dorchester she writes of the improved condition of her husband. The son, James, is an undertaker and they are very cozily situated in the house with him.—Alstead item.

A new physician arrived in town Wednesday and he has located at the home of Dr. and Mrs. P. C. Templeton and will practice under the name of Percy Charles Templeton, Jr.—Irassburg item.

A French flag of good proportions has been floating in the breeze of late in the Bren's neighborhood, causing considerable consternation among some of the doleful population of Battle Row.—Hyde Park item.

St. Patrick's day was observed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Coburn in an extraordinary way. Twin boys came to make this their home. While not wearing the "green," it is said that some of the neighbors are green with envy.—Newport.

Fairly Fair From Fairlee!

"Mabel Syrup's Colyum is so spicy and interesting! We all enjoy it. I wonder if she would care for the following, which I found in the West Lunenburg item once:—

"The barn on the farm of — was burned Friday night with one cow and most of the contents."—B. F. H. G., Fairlee, Vt.

As winter continues malingering in the lap of vernal spring, we are reminded of the glad old dame who airily prophesied the end of the world because the seasons "be growing so indistinguishable." Of the same venerable seer we remember her perennial fear (a vision of the zenithal point in worries!) that the "summer weather is going to be so complicated."

Ah, There, Dorothy Dexter!

"Miss Ethel Newton is again able to take up her school work."—Orleans item.

"The Reporter—An Assignment."

The fifth house from the corner in the row—

Little black tents against the night's indigo.

Beside the door I flashed a match to find The number right—and sudden blackness took my mind!

I hesitated, peering from the gloom Beneath the shade into the yellow lighted room.

Curious justly, in my errand's name; And then I blamed myself, though I was not to blame.

A woman sat beside a table, spread For one, but suppers were past; her head Bent low for listening, while at her knees A sleepy child was frowning, gouging slits in eyes.

The woman stirred; I saw her young, worn face.

She glanced, impatient, puzzled, at the empty place.

I gulped, and knocked. God knows the words I said!

I asked her, somehow, if she knew that he was dead!

To the first, among the readers of the Colyum, who identify the father of the foregoing verses, we will award the

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Our final word in the contest is cribbed from the postcard notice which C. DeF. Bancroft, the intermediary, mails to prospective candidates for citizenship just before the hearings are due—

"Come early and in working clothes, as we will detain you but a few minutes."

Mabel.

SUNDAY SERVICES AT THE CHURCHES

TIMES AND PLACES OF WORSHIP AND SUBJECTS OF SERMONS

Berlin Congregational Church—Frank Blomfield, pastor. 10:45 a. m., service; address by pastor; topic, "On the Mount of Olives." Sunday school at noon.

Washington Baptist Church—W. H. Bishop, pastor. 12:30 noon, Bible school; 1:30 p. m., service; preacher, Rev. C. S. Ramsey, state colporteur. All welcome.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints—Services convene at 3 p. m. every Sunday in the Worthen hall. You are cordially invited to attend these services.

St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church, Westerville—W. J. M. Beattie, rector. Evening prayer and sermon at 3 o'clock. Sunday school at 2 p. m. Service on Wednesday evening at 7:15.

Swedish Baptist Mission—10:30 a. m., Sunday school. All the children are requested to be there. 7 p. m., evening service; program, special music and singing "Avskedstal." You are welcome.

Websterville Baptist Church—W. H. Bishop, pastor. 10:30 a. m., preaching; 11:30 a. m., Bible school. Evening service at 7 o'clock. Rev. C. S. Ramsey, state colporteur, will preach morning and evening. All welcome.

Christian Science Church—Service at 10:45 a. m. Wednesday evening meeting at 7:30. To these services all are welcome. The reading-room is open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 3 to 5 p. m. 7 Summer street.

Salvation Army—The Salvation Army will hold its usual services. Sunday at 1:30 p. m., Sunday school, 6:30 p. m., young people's meeting, 7 p. m., salvation service, led by Sister Perry of the M. E. church. All are invited.

Brook Street Italian Church—Bible school at 3 p. m. Sermon by the pastor on "The Worst in the Best of Us," from Rev. 3, at 7 p. m. Bible training each Saturday at 7 p. m. Woman's club on Thursday at 2 p. m. Boys' club Wednesday at 6:15 p. m. Classes in Italian and English on week days from 6 to 8 p. m.

Church of the Good Shepherd—W. J. M. Beattie, rector. Holy communion at 8 a. m. Morning prayer and sermon at 10:30. Sunday school at 11:30. Evening prayer and sermon at 7 o'clock. Lenten services—Tuesdays and Friday evenings at 7:30. Rev. G. W. Davenport, rector of St. Paul's church, Burlington, will be the preacher on Tuesday evening.

First Baptist Church—Bert J. Lehigh, pastor. Residence, 27 Franklin street. The pastor will preach on Sunday at 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m. Morning subject,

"God's Perfecting of Life." Evening theme, "The Blood, a Token." Bible school at 12 o'clock. Y. P. S. C. E. at 6 o'clock. Prayer service Thursday evening at 7:30. Choir rehearsal Wednesday evening at 6:45. You will receive a cordial welcome at any and all of the services of this church.

East Barre Congregational Church—James Ramage, pastor. Preaching service at 10:30 a. m.; sermon topic, "Do It Now." Sunday school at 11:45 a. m. Christian Endeavor service at 7 p. m. Presbyterian Church, corner of Seminary and Summer streets—Edgar Crossland, pastor. Morning service at 10:30; subject of sermon, "For I Am Not Ashamed of the Gospel of Christ." Short address to children, "Show Your Colors." Sunday school at noon. Evening service at 7 o'clock; subject of address, "Russia and Her Revolution." Monday at 7 p. m., boy scouts. Thursday, 7:30 p. m., mid-week meeting; subject, "Israel's Priests and the Sacred Law."

Heading Methodist Episcopal Church—Bailey Calvert Lipeky, pastor. Morning service at 10:30; sermon theme, "Christ Inspired Seeking." Evening sermon theme, "Ready Recruits." Sunday school at 11:45. Epworth league at 6:15 p. m. Evening service at 7 o'clock. Class meeting Tuesday at 7:30. Prayer service Thursday at 7:30 p. m. Friday evening there will be held a church rally and social, with a report by the finance committee on the results of the every-member canvass.

Congregational Church—J. W. Barnett, pastor. 10:30 a. m., worship and sermon; subject, "Revelation Through Insight." Children's sermon, "The Garden of Memory." 12 m., Sunday school. Classes for all, 3 p. m., juniors, 4 p. m., the pastor wants to meet all of the young people who are thinking about uniting with the church. 7 p. m., evening worship and sermon; subject, "What Shall I Do with Jesus?" Thursday, 7:30 p. m., mid-week meeting; topic, "The Master's Affection." A preparatory service.

Universalist Church—John B. Reardon, minister. Public worship and sermon at 10:30; subject, "The Indices of a Supreme and Infinite Mind." Bible study at 11:45; subject, "Review of the Last Quarter's Lessons." Devotional meeting of the Young People's Christian union in the vestry at 6; subject, "Christian Growth." Jesus' Parables Relating to "Christian Development"; leader, Priscilla Page. At the Sunday morning service Prof. W. A. Wheaton will play "Charity" (Rossini) and "Gloria from St. Mass" (Mozart). The quartet will sing "I Will Extol Thee" (Forsythe) and "Welcome, Sweet Grace" (Macy). Offertory solo, "Hold Thou My Hand" (Briggs), Mrs. F. J. Tabor.

Germany's First Declaration.

The news from Washington to-day indicates a belief in well informed circles that Germany will declare war against this country before Congress can assemble and do its duty.

That may be possible, but there is hardly need of a formal declaration by Germany. The Russo-Japanese war was under way before it was declared, and Germany has been warring against this government for some time.

Indeed, if anybody is looking for something equivalent to a declaration, let him read again the document in which Germany told the United States just what she would have to do if she desired her merchant ships to cross the ocean with the slightest assurance of safety.

In the earlier days of this nation's history that would have been considered a declaration of war and would have been promptly treated accordingly.—Boston Traveler.

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FOR THE HOME GARDENER.

Soil Tips to the Home Gardener Given by Federal Department.

Practically all truck crops do better on a sandy loam soil than on one that is sticky and heavy. Larger-sized crops, however, such as cabbage, tomatoes, peas, and beans, will do well on heavy soil, provided it contains the necessary vegetable matter.

The soil in most backyard gardens is distinctly heavy. It will help the soil greatly if the owner works into it a good amount of finely sifted coal ashes free from all cinders. Coal ashes are used largely for the physical effect in breaking up a compact, heavy soil. Such ashes do not take the place of fertilizer.

Pleasant use of well-rotted manure is still more beneficial in breaking up heavy soil, because this improves the texture and adds fertilizer material.

Many garden soils are sour. To offset acidity and also to improve the physical properties of the soil, the garden specialists recommend the use of lime. Burnt lime should be applied at the rate of 1,000 pounds to the acre or slaked lime at the rate of about 1,500 pounds to the acre. A garden plot 50 by 100 feet is approximately one-ninth of an acre.

To apply the lime, broadcast it and mix it freely with the surface soil by harrowing or raking. Lime should be applied before the crops are set out or planted and should not be applied at the same time that fertilizer or manure is put on.

Manure will greatly improve land. If

well-rotted manure is not available, it may be advisable to use a complete chemical fertilizer. Apply at the rate of 800 to 1,000 pounds per acre a mixture containing two to four per cent nitrogen, eight per cent phosphoric acid, one to two per cent potash. The amateur gardener will find it easier to use ready-mixed fertilizer, which can be obtained from any reliable dealer.

Sunlight Necessary for a Garden.

No amount of fertilizer, watering, and cultivation will make up for the absence of sunlight in a garden. Home gardeners before attempting for the first time to use a back yard or other space should consider carefully how many hours a day any part of the yard is in shadow from buildings, fences or trees. At least five hours of sunlight a day is necessary for a successful garden. The more sunlight they get, the better it is for most vegetables. For this reason it is bad practice to put plants of low habit between tall-growing plants which will shade them for the greater part of the day. As a rule, foliage crops such as lettuce, spinach and kale, do fairly well in partial shade, but even these must have sunshine two or three hours a day. In laying out the garden, therefore, use shadier parts for such plants and reserve the sunny spaces for those which must have plenty of sunlight to grow and fruit properly.

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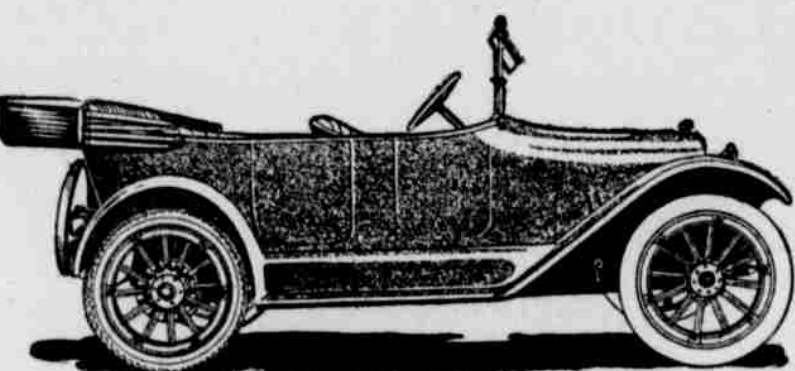


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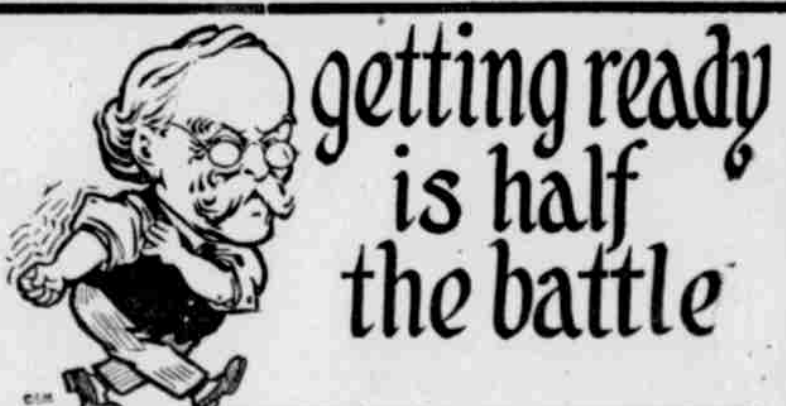
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